

A² transmission of a reset signal that is received by the RIC unit 9 through transceiver 91.
Any such remote reset signal also should include security information such as a PIN number. Security in remote resetting can be increased by using digital transmissions and/or by encrypting the information contained in the broadcast reset signal.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claims 1, 5, 6, 8 and 10 with the following rewritten claims:

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A³ 1. (Amended) An anti-theft device operable with an electronic apparatus, the device comprising:

a remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit contained within a casing of the electronic apparatus and including structure that enables tracking of the electronic apparatus, said RIC unit operable to receive a signal transmitted from an interrogator, to determine whether the signal is intended for the anti-theft device and whether the signal includes a shut-off command and, if so, to produce a shut-off signal in response; and
a shut-off unit coupled with a power source of the electronic apparatus, said shut-off unit in a shut-off state preventing a flow of electricity via the power source in accordance with said shut-off signal.

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5. (Amended) The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 1, wherein said shut-off unit comprises a fusible link.

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6. (Amended) A method of operating an anti-theft device in cooperation with an electronic apparatus, the anti-theft device including a remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit contained within a casing of said electronic apparatus and that receives a signal broadcast from an interrogator, determines whether the signal is intended for the anti-theft device and whether the signal includes a shut-off command and, if so, produces a shut-off signal in response, and a shut-off unit comprised of components of the RIC unit and coupled with a power source of the electronic apparatus, the method comprising:

- (a) tracking the electronic apparatus with the remote intelligent communication (RIC) unit; and
- (b) preventing with the shut-off unit a flow of electricity via the power source in accordance with the shut-off signal.

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8. (Amended) A method according to claim 6, wherein the anti-theft device further includes a coded reset device, the method further comprising maintaining the shut-off unit in a shut-off state until a predetermined code is input to the reset device.

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10. (Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the shut-off unit further includes a fusible link.

Please add the following new claims 11-25:

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~~11.~~ An anti-theft device for shutting off an operable electronic apparatus subsequent to the electronic apparatus being stolen from its owner, the anti-theft device comprising:

a communication unit incorporated within the casing of the electronic apparatus and comprising:

a receiver for receiving a signal transmitted from an interrogator, and
a control circuit coupled to the transceiver for determining whether the received signal is intended for the anti-theft device and, if so, for determining whether the signal includes an electronic apparatus shut-off command generated by the interrogator in response to a notification from the owner that the electronic apparatus has been stolen, and, if so, for producing a shut-off signal, and
a power blocking circuit responsive to the shut-off signal for placing the electronic apparatus in a shut-off state by blocking the flow of electricity from a power source of the electronic device.

~~12.~~ The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication circuit further comprises a transmitter and the control circuit also produces a return signal that is transmitted to the interrogator via the transmitter to provide tracking data for the electronic apparatus.

~~13.~~ The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the tracking data comprises location coordinates derived from a global positioning system satellite.

14. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the communication circuit further comprises a transmitter and the control circuit also produces a return signal that is transmitted to the interrogator via the transmitter to acknowledge receipt of the signal including the electronic apparatus shut-off command.

15. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, further comprising a memory storing data relating to the electronic apparatus,

wherein the control circuit compares input data supplied to the anti-theft device with the data stored in the memory to authenticate the input data, and

wherein the electronic apparatus remains in the shut-off state until the input data is authenticated.

16. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the stored data comprises purchase data.

17. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 15, wherein the stored data comprises purchaser data.

18. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the power blocking circuit comprises a transistor having a current path connected between the power source of the electronic apparatus and utilization circuits of the electronic apparatus, and a control terminal supplied with the shut-off signal.

19. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the power blocking circuit comprises:

first and second parallel current paths, one end of each of the first and second current paths being connected to a power source of the electronic apparatus;

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a fuse having a first end coupled to the other end of each of the first and second current paths and a second terminal coupled to utilization circuits of the electronic apparatus;

a first transistor having a current path connected between the second terminal of the fuse and a power supply potential, and a control terminal supplied with the shut-off signal,

wherein, in the shut-off state, current flows through a current path including the first transistor with a magnitude sufficient to blow the fuse.

20. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 19, wherein the first current path comprises a second transistor and the second current path comprises a resistor.

21. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the signal is transmitted from the interrogator via a satellite link.

22. The anti-theft device as claimed in claim 11, wherein the signal is transmitted from the interrogator via a cellular telephone link.